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End of semester bash

Blah, Blah, Blah will be performing at Ceruti's for an end of semester celebration. A cash bar will be available, however you need not be 21 to be admitted. The bash will take place Thursday, May 9, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Ceruti's at 5725 Hatfield Road off Washington Center Road. Admission is $2. Blah, Blah, Blah has performed at the Columbia Club, Pierre's S.O.B.'s and at IPFW Rock on the Hill.

Coach selection

Students, faculty and staff are welcome to participate in the screening of applicants for the new head coach of IPFW's women's basketball team and assistant to the director for development.

Interested persons should contact Judy Wilkins, chair of search and screen committee at 481-6643.

Interviews for coach candidates will take place after finals.

Live music at WBNI

Listeners are being invited to visit the studios of WBNI FM for a special concert of live music from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 4. The station is located in the furthest north building of the YWCA complex at 2000 N. Wells in Fort Wayne.

Groups to appear are the Prairie Fire String Band, A Jazz Trio, and the River City String Band. They will play music ranging from traditional folk to swing.

The party will end the public radio station's ten-day on-air fund raiser.

Folklore member drive

The Folklore Heritage Society of Fort Wayne invites anyone interested in supporting or viewing performances of living blues legends to join its group.

Annual membership fees are $15 (individual) and $25 (family). For more information or to join, call 745-2538.

Summer study tours

Purdue University has added two new touring opportunities to its series of summer study tours. Photography in the American West in Taos, N.M., July 13 through 26, and Impressionism: Before and After, in France and Italy, July 29 through Aug. 8.

College credit in art is available to participants of both tours. For further information, contact J.J. Wagner at 317-494-2754.

A.A. support group to meet through summer

Alcoholics Anonymous support group meetings, sponsored by the Center for Women and Returning Adults, are held every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. Walb Memorial Union G-25. For more information call 481-6029.

Prospective student orientation workshop

TIPS (To Inform Prospective Students) workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the main branch of the Allen County Public Library. The workshop is for anyone interested in finding out about entering the world of higher education. Child care is provided. For more information contact the Center for Women and Returning Adults at 481-6029.

Board rules on Bells' case

Discrimination not proven by evidence submitted

BY MIKE WADE
Staff Writer

The IPFW Faculty Board of Review issued its finding in the discrimination cases of Beverly Bell and Gregory Bell, assistant professors in the education department.

The board found that the evidence submitted did not substantiate mistreatment or discrimination toward the Bells based on race. Nearly six and a half months ago the Bells brought charges of racial discrimination against the university, after being denied tenure and promotion.

In a January memo to Gerald Houseman, chair of the Faculty Board of Review, the Bells sought particular remedies to the situation. The Bells requested that an open hearing be scheduled and that enough notice be given for individuals from the community to attend. The hearings were held on March 2 and 3.

Tenure and promotion were also requested by the Bells, but the board does not have the authority to grant tenure or promotion. The issue of tenure and promotion will be addressed by a different board, which will also address the Bells' request that the University issue more precise criteria on which to judge the qualifications of a professor to receive tenure and promotion.

The board stated that it could not make a recommendation on the Bells' wish for a Minority Affairs Office that could address questions of discrimination because no evidence had been presented that the Bells' had suffered any discrimination or harassment based on their race.

The Bells called for the termination of Marjorie Souers as dean of the School of Education and the prevention of any actions constituting discrimination or harassment. The board did not recommend the termination of Marjorie Souers, and made no recommendation on the issue of discrimination, since such behavior is already prohibited by the University.

Finally, the Bells requested monetary compensation, totaling at least five million dollars, for the difficulties they encountered because of racial prejudice. Because of the evidence presented in the hearing, the board made no recommendation of monetary compensation.

In evaluating evidence the board ruled that there was little evidence of discriminatory practices One of the points discussed was a letter of reprimand placed in the files of both Gregory and Beverly. The Bells gave incompletes to an entire class in the summer of 1988 The board said that although the action was obviously inappropriate, the circumstances surrounding the action should be considered.

Salary overload waivers were necessary for the Bells' contract to teach the summer class. The Office of Continuing Education failed to get the required signatures on the salary overload waivers.

The board determined that the mismanagement of the situation resulted in the Bells giving incompletes to the class. Because of these mitigating circumstances, the board recommended, by a 4 to 1 vote, that the letters of reprimand be removed from the files of Gregory and Beverly.

The board then addressed the question of salary increases. The Bells had usually been given above-average raises, which are based on merit, and had also received small additions to their salaries to offset the problem of salary compression. The board unanimously agreed that, considering the above-average raises and the limited funds of the University, it was hard to find that the Bells had been unfairly treated in terms of their salary.

The Bells also raised specific grievances with their working conditions. The board said that discrimination was not, in any significant way, exposed in the evidence presented.

One of the issues raised in relation to the Bells' working conditions was the Bells' resignations from the Child Care Consortium. Gregory explained, "We resigned because the administration indicated that we were already into what was characterized as an assistant professor overload in the service area."

The board decided that there was no evidence to lead one to believe that the Bells' resignation from the Child Care Consortium reflected poorly on the Bells. From this, the board determined that the evidence presented did not represent unfair treatment of the Bells.

Marjorie Souers, dean of the School of Education, use of the term "watchdog" was also dealt with by the board. A student in one of Gregory's classes spoke to a faculty member about Gregory's syllabus. The student felt the syllabus was too ambiguous. Gregory explained, "In the first week of each of my classes, I put the syllabus up on the board and fill in the blanks. This way I can fit the course to the particular needs of a class." The faculty member mentioned the student's concerns to Marjorie Souers, and, in discussing the issue with Gregory, Souers used the term "watchdog."

The term did not refer to a particular person or organization that checks up on people. According to the board, no such practice exists on this campus. In the final recommendations issued by the board, the board stated, "The use of the term watchdog was racially insensitive and had unfortunate connotations." The board went on to explain that although it was a poor choice of words, Souers was performing her duties as the dean of the School of Education by addressing the concerns of the student.

The Bells said that they plan to pursue the case beyond the confines of this University.

Current laws prohibit the board members from discussing the case.

Professor Ningkun Wu of China recounts his experience with communist China during a guest lecture at IPFW last week (photo by Jim Walker).

International Irish studies group elects IPFW professor as president

By KELLI BEERY
Copy Editor

Have you ever wondered how history, politics, folklore, literature and Ireland are related? Mary Helen Thuente, associate professor of English, may have wondered that, too, until she began studying William Butler Yeats and his relationship to Irish literary tradition for her dissertation.

Her study of Yeats started as a literary interest, said Thuente, "but when I explored Yeats' relationship to Irish literary tradition, he was so interested in Irish folklore that I had to absorb quite a bit of background in Irish folklore. And then as I've moved on to do other works on Irish literature, ... history and literature are so interconnected that I've had to learn a great deal about Irish history."

How do politics fit in? During Ronald Reagan's administration, Thuente got a call from the White House requesting information on the history of Ireland for a speech Reagan was going to give. Furthermore, when the American Conference for Irish Studies, of which Thuente recently assumed the presidency, met for its international meeting held at the University of Wisconsin at Madison this past month, the Irish ambassador to the United States attended many of the sessions, which shows, according to Thuente, how Ireland's diplomatic corps is very well educated and interested in Irish studies. Also, eight years ago, Mary Robinson, then a minister in the Irish government, spoke at the ACIS international conference held in Columbus, Ohio. Robinson, the first woman to hold this office, is now the newly elected president of Ireland and has been asked to speak at the 1992 ACIS conference to be held in Galway, Ireland.

The organization has strong ties with both the government of the Irish Republic and the British government of Northern Ireland and receives financial support from both. Thuente said the reason for the support from both Catholics and Protestants, British and Irish, is due to the group's political neutrality. According to Thuente, ACIS is a forum for objective discussions of all aspects of Irish culture and politics, not only of the past Ireland but also of the contemporary situation in Ireland.

ACIS is an international, interdisciplinary conference on Irish studies. The 1,500 members of ACIS from the United States, Ireland, Canada and Europe include professors of colleges and universities who teach some phase of Irish studies, be it history, literature, folklore or art.

After filling such offices as literary representative, secretary and vice president, Thuente has assumed the presidency of ACIS. Her responsibilities include organizing the 1992 conference in Galway, heading up the 16-member executive board of ACIS and basically running the organization, said Thuente.

Through her association with ACIS, Thuente has met many prominent scholars in the field of Irish studies. "I have tried to integrate that into my work here at IPFW," said Thuente. Over the years she has brought in such notables to lecture at IPFW as Richard Finneran, who had just introduced his new edition of Yeats' poetry, and Morris Beja, chairman of the English department at Ohio State and past president of the James Joyce Society. Thuente also arranged for four Irish poets to come to IPFW to give readings.

In addition to being president of ACIS, Thuente is also U.S. secretary-treasurer for the only international Irish literature group, the International Association for the Study of Anglo-Irish Literature. This group is not interdisciplinary, but deals with just Anglo-Irish literature.

What does all of Thuente's accomplishments mean for the campus? "I think it gives IPFW national and international recognition because of the letterhead," she said. IPFW's school address is at the top of the group's stationery.

Thuente believes her participation in these organizations is also beneficial for her students. "I have tried very much to keep my professional involvement very relevant to the student body here," she stated.

"I think they (students) should see that it does have a direct impact on the classroom," said Thuente. "This professional activity, as much as our published research, is enriching what we bring back into the classroom."

Thuente has been enriching more than her students. She has written numerous publications as well as a book titled, "W.B. Yeats and Irish Folklore," published by Macmillan of Dublin. She is in the process of writing a second book to be titled "The Harp Re-Strung: The Origins of Irish Literary Nationalism." This book will be published by Syracuse University Press sometime in 1992 and incorporates a literary and historical study on the origins of Irish literary nationalism and brings in some folklore, too, said Thuente.

Low voter turnout, controversy plagues IPSGA elections

By TINA HOLSTON
Editor in Chief

The results of the 1991 IPSGA elections have been officially announced with Dan Pulley as president, Kristina Frazier-Henry as vice president of legislation, Dan Reese as vice president of finance, and Elizabeth Onz as vice president of student activities.

However, questions have already arisen as to the validity of the election According to Senator Nancy Barger, the senate requested that the judicial court review the activities of the election board. The senate claims improprieties on the part of some election-board members occurred and therefore the election should be nullified.

The judicial court has yet to reach a decision on the claims or determine if the new officers should take office or if the current officers should remain in place until a complete investigation is conducted.

Dan Pulley was elected with 169 voters or 62 percent of the total votes cast. Of 11,092 students currently enrolled, 272 students voted in the election last week. This is a 51 percent decrease in voter turnout from last year.

Senators elected for the 1991-92 session include Seemab Rasheed, John Lehman, Jacinda Jo Lettau, John Weisenberg, Nancy Barger, Lori Bishop, Santhosh A.C. Jogi, Felix Moxter, and Mark Snyder.

SAB members elected include Ebru Elmas Erol, Rachel Gehring, Laura Njus, Deanna Tribble, Elizabeth Diaz, Sarwar Mohib and Kamran Rao.

Grant recipient to research fungus

By DIANA JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Shree Dhawale, assistant professor of biological sciences, plans to use her IPFW summer grant money to conduct research on the biodegradation in mutant fungi, specifically the white fungus that grows on trees. According to Dhawale, these mutants are fungi that have changed from a normal-form substance to an abnormal substance such as white fungus.

Dhawale intends to use her grant money to research two aspects of the mutant's formation and its effects. The first aspect she plans to pursue is to grow the fungus in laboratory conditions and contaminate it with small amounts of a toxic compound, such as DDT. Dhawale then plans to attempt to change the mutant fungus back to a non-toxic compound by feeding the fungus only carbon and nitrogen.

"A mutant fungi has to starve in order for it to spread. I have another type of mutant fungi that can control the white fungi when it is not starving," Dhawale said.

The second aspect is centered around trying to obtain gene clones of the mutant, Dhawale plans to clone (or duplicate) the enzyme producing gene of the fungus. This enzyme causes the mutant to grow.

Dhawale's goal is to try to better understand the regulation of the ligin degradation system. This degradation involves any organic substance that acts as a binder for cellulose fibers that are found in the tree bark. This system is responsible for the decomposition of compounds found within tree bark.

"I think that these mutants and organisms I work with are interesting and worth the research. I haven't done anything like this before," Dhawale said.

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People should seek info to stay in the know

We move through our lives at such a fast pace that we only pay attention to what's happening within 50 feet of where our bodies happen to be at the time.

Part of what we choose to ignore in the world around us is the actions of our government.

We watch the 6 p.m. news on television and believe we are well informed about the world in which we live. But T.V. news is an abbreviated source of information meant to give only the most important events of the day with little in-depth background on the subject. Likewise, most people do not have the time to read the New York Times every day to get the details. It's easier to just not pay attention. Most of us give the excuse that "It wouldn't matter anyway." So we take what little news bits we can and attempt to make decisions with less than adequate information.

The importance of being informed about and reacting to local, national and global politics is ever-increasing simultaneously with a decrease in the amount of time people spend gathering facts and directly involving ourselves with the entities which rule our world.

Just when we should be paying close attention to the government which makes the laws we live by and are prosecuted by, which spends the money we earn, and administers the programs which affect our daily lives, we are choosing to be apathetic. We sit back and allow the local newspaper and television news determine what we should praise and what we should criticize.

We must reverse this trend and begin to actively seek out information from a variety of sources in order to prevent future disasters such as the savings and loan crisis and mismanaged domestic programs. Each of us is crucial to the revitalization of our national consciousness. We have a responsibility as citizens to let our government know how we feel about the way our money is being used — good or bad. We need to tell our city council, our state legislature and our U.S. congressional representatives what we approve of and what we don't. When this system of balance breaks down, the government loses sight of the needs of the people they are suppose to serve and eventually become corrupt. We are at that breaking point in the United States and numerous negative repercussions lurk just outside that 50-foot radius of our existence.

VOICES

Photos by Allen Smith

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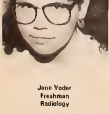
"What is your major source of news?"



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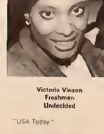

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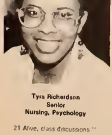

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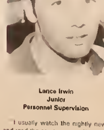

Lance Irwin
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"I usually watch the nightly news and read the sports section."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student writes bad words to 'graffiti artists'

To The Editor:

I take pleasure in attending IPFW, and find it to be an amazing school. So many bright and gifted teachers are found on this campus. One then wonders, where do the people come from that are creating the graffiti found on the chair backs, tables, and library elevators?

The evidence of destructive graffiti has not escaped the IPFW campus. Providing graffiti for an audience must be enjoyable work since there is so much evidence of this artform on campus. Some people could get bored on the elevator ride from the first floor of the library to the fourth floor. Graffiti artists have solved this problem by scratching obscenities on the walls and doors to entertain the elevator riders. Maybe the graffiti artists who scratched obscenities in the elevators want to shock the unaware possengers riding to the upper floors of the library. These bored graffiti artists must want to entertain their captive audience and trash the elevators at the same time.

Whatever the graffiti artists' reasons are for producing their art, shouldn't it be displayed in a more appropriate place than chair backs, walls and desks? These current areas of display penalize every student, faculty member and taxpayer. The cost in maintenance and pride in our educational institution is too high. Graffiti displayed in this manner is nothing more than destruction of school property.

If students have something to say publicly then let there be a low cost solution to the destructive, costly graffiti. If graffiti artists want their work seen in public, let the school accommodate them without sacrificing our school pride. Because graffiti is being pursued by some people on campus as a means of personal expression, why not create an appropriate place for this self-expression?

In Bloomington, the I.U. campus has a bridge on which any and all artists may scrape, paint or engrave messages for all to read. The maintenance costs are non-existent, only those who want to read the messages are exposed to them, and the graffiti artist has a harmless way to vent expressions of the soul.

Since the bridge works so satisfactorily for the students at Bloomington, why not move a huge rock into the commons outside of Walb Memorial Union to encourage the graffiti artists to stop destroying public property and use the rock here in Ft. Wayne? It works for Kent State. The graffiti rock at Kent State is used by anyone who wants to leave messages, produce graffiti or just have some fun. When the rock is totally covered with graffiti, it could be painted and then the process could be started over again. The graffiti rock is a cheap solution to a costly problem. Why not start a graffiti rock here at IPFW and stop the unwanted destruction the graffiti produces? The rock would give the graffiti artist a canvas to work on, while saving IPFW money. This solution would benefit everyone who attends this campus as well as the taxpayers of the state.

Renate Moore
IPFW student

Budget crunch
Indiana education cuts will hurt IPFW

To The Editor:

The budget cuts to education are statewide. I did not believe my education here at IPFW would be affected by these budget cuts. Unfortunately, the facts indicate that two of the classes I am signed up to take this fall are in jeopardy of not being offered because IPFW does not have a professor to teach them.

It is very difficult to wait and wonder what the outcome of having only one professor full time to teach the seven core classes offered for fall in computer science — information systems will be. Granted, there are two professors on staff that are committed to teaching two of these classes (one each). The fact is that there are NO other professors on staff that are available to teach the remaining classes which have the notorious "staff" listed under the instructor heading.

The department of computer science interviewed a candidate for the position that was open. The faculty voted to recommend hiring this candidate. The students that interviewed the candidate also were promoting the candidate being made a full-time professor. The offer was not made to the candidate due to the shortage of funds being expected for the coming school year. This leaves approximately 180 students in a department with only one full-time professor on staff to teach the necessary core classes. The idea that any information systems elective classes might be offered in the coming school year apparently is out of the question.

It is uncomfortable to be a senior and know that three of the last classes you need to graduate do not have a qualified professor on staff able to teach them. If these classes, which are in the "Schedule of Classes Fall Semester 1991-92," are cancelled, or are taught by a part-time professor who has never taught them at IPFW prior to the fall semester, what should the students do? The idea of legal involvement comes to my mind as does transferring to another university. Neither of these options will solve my problem of being faced with extended time at IPFW as a student when I should have had my bachelor's degree in computer science - information systems in May of 1992.

What happened in computer science can happen in any of our departments. Education will suffer greatly in Indiana not just in the next year, but for many years to come. If we lose any professors, there will not be the funds to hire new professors to replace them. Computer science is not the last department to have a shortage of qualified professors on staff. If you do not want a similar situation to happen to you personally, write your legislators.

Susan M. King
IPFW student

Student requests additional program

To The Editor:

I would greatly appreciate if the School of Health Sciences would offer a complete program for physical therapy here at IPFW as they do at I.U. in Indianapolis. I understand we can only complete prerequsites for two years here, and then we have to apply for admission at Indianapolis to complete the next three years of course work. This is because Indianapolis has better facilities providing work space, a bigger campus, and hospitals to help in completing the course.

I know it would require the permission of the state to establish a new facility at IPFW. It would be a very slow process and would require enormous financing to introduce this project. However many of us feel like I do, extremely disappointed. I had to abandon the idea of taking up physical therapy because there is no way I would leave my family and children for three years. I am sure there are many students having the same problem. There is a great demand for physical therapists because of the increased number of handicapped due to drugs and alcohol, veterans of war, and senior citizens living longer.

Introducing this new program into IPFW would increase the status of this campus, and at the same time solve the problem of the demand for physical therapist as well as increase the number of students applying for this course.

I would appreciate it if this request would be considered by the faculty. Introducing the program would not only enhance the school, but also serve the public.

Meera Mehta
IPFW student

Volleyball coverage upsets secretary

To The Editor:

I have been associated with IPFW for the last five years as a student and then a staff member. I have never paid as much attention to this paper as I have this year. My feelings have ranged from concern, as I followed the debate over suitable language in The Communicator, to support, as I read the editorials on student elections.

After reading today's issue of The Communicator, (4/25/91), I feel I have to offer my "two cents" on the judgment used to determine what news is worthy of The Communicator's front page. I was disappointed to see that the article on IPFW Men's Volleyball Team only rated a last-page space. I realize that the last page is the sports page, however, I think that Coach Ball and his team's accomplishment is definitely worthy of front-page coverage. I have been to several volleyball games this season and have seen how hard they have worked. I was at least relieved to see that they were placed above the item on intramural sports.

Very few student accomplishments have the potential to unite the student body the way a FINAL FOUR appearance in any sport has. This is not intramurals. This is not junior college. This is competition at a comparable level with the Indianas and Purdues of Division I basketball. I question the judgement of the editors when they do not realize the magnitude of this accomplishment. There have been arguments all year about smokers' rights and other issues dividing the student body. I believe there is a great deal of potential for student unity if mediums like The Communicator committed themselves, to not only reporting all sides, but to improving the campus community.

Kelly J. Zumbrun
secretary for the chancellor

Vocal Snyder still smoking

To The Editor:

Dear Ms. Blauvelt,

In last week's issue of The Communicator (4/25/91), you suggested that, by implication, a lack of credibility and veracity on my part was "well established."

My question to you is: "well established" by whom, how, where, and in what way? If you are suggesting that I have no "credibility" or "veracity" with you — so be it. Quite frankly, I do not give a damn whether or not you believe me to be truthful. Students, like myself, have become immune to attempts to discredit us by administrators and their low-level perfunctories such as yourself. However, if you are suggesting that this phenomena is widespread as you would suggest ("well-established"), then I suggest that you have your witnesses at the ready to substantiate your spurious charge.

There are hundreds, if not thousands, of students on this campus who understand that I have tried to bring them the truth without regard to stepping on toes. They also realize that this does not enamor me to the university administration or its minions.

I will stand by my earlier letter and the charges I made therein but am also reminded of this adage: "NEVER TRY TO TEACH A PIG TO SING, IT ONLY WASTES ONE'S TIME AND ANNOYS THE PIG."

Mark S. Snyder
president of the student body

Chinese professor recounts labor camps, 'counter-revolutionary' activities in lecture

By JOYCE STOCKS
News Editor

Professor Ningkun Wu of China, who detailed some of his life experiences as a professor and intellectual under Communist rule, no longer takes freedom of speech for granted.

His well-attended lecture picked up his life story in 1951 when he was working on his doctoral dissertation at the University of Chicago

Wu's story, and the story of 20th-century China, however, began many years before 1951

On Oct. 1, 1949, the People's Republic of China, the Communist government of the proletariat, was formally established in Peking The announcement was issued by Mao Tse-tung, a "patriotic intellectual" who was originally recruited in 1921 by agents of the Communist International, or Comintern, which was founded by Lenin in 1919. At the same time, Mao announced the creation of a State Administrative Council with Chou En-lai as premier.

The State Department of the United States issued a statement on Oct. 4, 1949, backing Chiang and the Nationalist government, now located on the Taiwan, as the legal government of China (The Nationalist government was officially replaced in the United Nations in 1970 by the government of the People's Republic of China)

On Oct. 9, 1949, Mao Tse-tung was selected chairman of the government of the People's Republic of China

During this time of civil upheaval, Wu, an English-speaker, came to America and in 1943 went to work as an interpreter for the Nationalist Chinese Air Force, training in the United States

In 1948 he graduated from Manchester College in Manchester, Ind. with a degree in English. From Manchester College Wu went to the University of Chicago to work on his doctorate, where, in 1951, he was contacted by the chancellor of Yenching University in Peking.

Wu said that, because of his Western education, he was suspected of counter-revolutionary activities as soon as he re-entered China However, he said, he tried hard to conform and to re-educate himself.

"I had to apply Marxist theories to teaching," explained Wu, "because American theories did not fit in with the new Communist regime."

One week after Wu began teaching at Yenching University, Prime Minister Chou En-lai gave a three-hour speech to all professors and intellectuals. In that speech, said Wu, Chou stated that the People's Republic of China had "turned a new page." The government seemed willing, in Wu's estimation and that of the other professors', to criticize itself.

"This was actually a declaration of war against the intellectuals," explained Wu. Although, he continued, at the time, that was not apparent.

By December 1951, the chancellor, the dean of the divinity school, and the chairman of the philosophy department at Yenching University were denounced, criticized and removed from their posts Professors were ordered to examine their posts for "pro-American bourgeois ideology, and subjected to criticism by students at public meetings," said Wu.

During one of these public humiliations, one of Wu's English students held up a paperback book given to him by the professor. On the cover was the picture of a hand with painted fingernails, holding a glass of champagne "Is this the kind of rubbish you have brought back from the U.S. Imperialists to corrupt the youths of New China with?" the student accused. The novel was "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Eventually Yenching University was merged with other universities and ceased to exist. Wu was sent to another university, against his will, for "ideological remolding" Ideological remolding classes were compulsory, stated Wu. Students and an assistant professor assigned to Wu were ordered to report Wu's activities to the government.

"I took freedom of speech for granted," explained Wu, "I said many things that were not to the taste of those in power."

One day in 1955, Wu attended a lecture for remolding only to find that everyone there had been charged with 'helping" him. Although Wu never considered himself a counter-revolutionary, the People's Republic of China considered him the number-one counter-revolutionary at the university, he stated.

After the morning session of public denunciation by his colleagues, four "public security agents" followed Wu when he went home for lunch. These agents searched his home and body-searched his pregnant wife and aged mother for counter-revolutionary articles (such as a radio). When they found no such articles, the agents took Wu's manuscripts and left.

The oppression of Wu and other professors continued until the entire English department collapsed in 1956. Finally this campaign against the intellectuals came to a halt when premier Chou felt the party had gone too far Chou! instructed party members to make friends with the intellectuals.

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Indiana Department of Public Welfare

Former employee questions programs' policies

By TINA HOLSTON
Editor In Chief

"I quit because I was too overwhelmed with trying to comply with the system and the families. I felt like I was getting nowhere because of the catch 22s," said Amy Jo Keyser, 28, who worked for Parents and Partners as a home manager until last week.

"I refused to set families up for failure within the welfare system," she said. As a home manager, Keyser's job was to help families with abused and neglected children comply with the goals and recommendations of Child Protection Services of the Indiana Department of Public Welfare.

Keyser sat on the red brocade couch in her living room surrounded by crystals and posters proclaiming the urgent need for world peace, while speaking of her former job with a mixture of disdain and admiration. "I love children. They are an important part of the world," she said with a smile "But abused children will also be part of the future," she said as her smile faded.

"The home managers of Parents and Partners are sometimes asked to set people up" Keyser said. "I was recently asked by a caseworker to arrange a meeting time with one of my clients who was wanted for non-payment of child support." She had a distant look in her eyes as she recounted the incident while stroking her cat. "I was asked to report that meeting time to the caseworker who was to bring the police in to arrest the woman. I refused.

"I had spent the last six weeks trying to gain this women's trust, and they wanted me to set her up," she said with a desperate tone

Keyser grew up in northern Indiana and has worked in the health and human service field for 10 years. "I have worked with elderly people, battered women, mentally handicapped persons and abused children."

Parents and Partners, where Keyser has worked for a year and half, is a private, not-for-profit, state-funded organization that works with families whose children are victims of abuse and neglect. "Case referrals are sent to P.P. from the Indiana Department of Public Welfare. The goal of Parents and Partners is to reunite the family in an environment which is healthy for the children," Keyser said.

CPS caseworkers assigned to abused and neglected children are overloaded, said Keyser "They take on too many cases, and the families end up being treated like numbers." CPS caseworkers work with an average of 50 children and their families at any given time, according to Department of Welfare statistics

"Parents and Partners was designed to help ease that case load. We take referrals from the CPS and attempt to help the family change its habits and get out of the welfare system," said Keyser. She went on to explain that the goal is not always reached

One of Keyser's cases was a 17-year old white girl who has a live-in boyfriend who is physically abusive to both her and her 2-year-old child. "Instead of treating her as a juvenile and getting her the kind of help she really needs, the welfare system has classified her as an adult This is an example of a crack in the system" Keyser said.

"'The judge decided, based on how long she had been on her own, that she should be in the adult services. But this girl has been involved with the welfare system since she was 14, and she has not been emancipated. That means she is not even legally responsible for herself. How can she be held responsible for her child?

"She is being set up to fail because she is being treated like an adult We can't expect her to be a logically thinking and responsible person when she is still a child herself," Keyser said with tears in her eyes. "It just makes me want to cry thinking about that poor girl. How is she ever going to get out from underneath the welfare system when she is not being given the resources she needs to become a mature person?"

After taking a moment to ponder the question and light a cigarette, Keyser again spoke; but her tone was now encouraging "Parents and Partners is a good program which does help a lot of families," she said. "But the welfare system, with its overloaded caseworkers, cannot possibly hand-tailor programs for each individual."

According to the Department of Public Welfare's semi-annual report for July through December of 1989, 1,902 children were reunited with their families after both were rehabilitated.

"Sometimes statistics can be misleading," said Keyser. "Many of those families will re-enter the system because of future problems with abuse. It might be the same child, or it could be his sister or brother. Once a family has been in the system, they can remain under scrutinization anywhere from six months to five years," she said.

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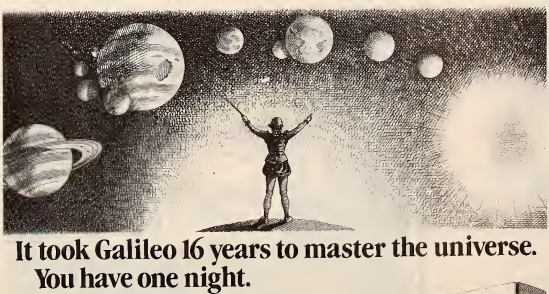
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Prof file

Michael Kaufmann

IPFW English professor enjoys students, flowers

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Dept : English and Linguistics
Degrees: master's — University of Illinois
bachelor's — Southern Illinois, Urbandale
Years at IPFW: 5
Original home: Chicago

All he needs is a pipe. To see Michael Kaufmann walking through the halls of IPFW, tweed-coated and bearded, is to see the proto-type of English professors.

But Kaufmann offers more to IPFW students than aesthetics. He teaches film classes, 20th-century American fiction, and several different composition classes. Kaufmann also works as the adviser for Confluence, IPFW's literary magazine.

"I enjoy most my 20th-century American fiction classes because that's where my research is," Kaufmann said. "That's my main focus and what I do most of my work in."

Kaufmann said he finds creating Confluence rewarding. "I like working with Confluence. It is fun to have something going that hasn't been here for a while."

Kaufmann noted that IPFW has lacked a literary magazine for several years and all five of his tenure at this school.

Kaufmann and the Confluence staff are currently working on the third issue since the return of the publication.

Along with his activities at school, Kaufmann enjoys his family and his flowers. He is married and has a four-year-old daughter.

"I am interested in wild flowers and prairie plants," noted Kaufmann. "I grow them at home and go out on walks and look for wild flowers."

Kaufmann said he enjoys IPFW the most for its students. "I like the diversity of the student body. It's the most interesting and the hardest thing about this place," he said. "I like the older student population. It's a nice mix, especially in literature classes."

Hot Licks disappointment

By ALLEN SMITH
Photo Editor

COMMENTARY

There I was, guitar strapped on, ready to play live for the first time in my life. I've only been playing for three years, so I thought I was pretty darn good. The smoke was so thick I could barely see three feet in front of me.

I made it to "Hot Licks," a guitar contest held by WXKE, The Percussion Center's Music Spectrum and Tonto's Bar. It was my turn to play on stage, and I was so nervous I could hardly keep my hands steady. I finally got my wits about me and tore into my rendition of the "William Tell Overture". Then I played something original I had composed.

I was a little disappointed with the contest. With only a couple exceptions, all the contestants just played random notes at light speed And since the crowd was to be the judge of who progressed to the finals, basically whoever brought the most friends, won

Even though the contest is basically a promotional set-up, it was a pretty neat experience. Hopefully next year the extremely talented guitarists will use their talent and play something other than just what the crowd wants to hear.

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Chou felt the party had gone too far. Chou instructed party members to make friends with the intellectuals.

During the Hundred Flowers period in 1957, Chairman Mao referred to "letting 100 flowers bloom and letting 100 schools of thought contend," and Wu was invited to criticize the work style of the party and party members without fear of retaliation.

The focus of Wu's criticism was freedom of speech. "Trying to stop the mouths of intellectuals is like trying to dam up a flood," he told the party members.

Mao's campaign lasted five weeks. Wu's criticisms were deemed counter-revolutionary, and Wu, a small, slight man, was sent to a labor camp on the Sino-Soviet border. From 1958 to 1960 he toiled at hard labor in the extreme heat of the summers and the minus 40C winters.

In 1960 Wu was transferred to another labor camp where his health continued to decline. In the fall of 1960, food rations in the labor camp were drastically reduced due to a famine throughout China. "Our daily fare was dried cabbage leaves plus food substitutes made from ground roots of dried corn stalks," said Wu. "I was the first prisoner to come down with edema (swelling of the body's tissues, usually the extremities), but more and more experienced edema and horrifying digestive problems," he said.

Soon Wu was near death. He wrote to his wife, Li Yakai, summoning her for one last visit. When Li Yakai saw her husband's condition, she traveled to Peking and the Institute of Foreign Relations, the only entity in China that could win freedom for her husband.

A few weeks later, Wu, frail and too weak to walk, was released from the labor camp and carried by donkey cart to the train station.

Wu believes that when the old Chinese leaders of today are dead, there will be great changes in China. However, he does not believe that Chinese students now studying abroad will ever return to China.

Wu, now dean of graduate studies and professor of English at the Institute of International Relations in Beijing, has been lecturing abroad since July 1990, but intends to return to China before the end of 1991. "To continue to do what I started in 1951," he said.

Welfare

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"Another of my cases was to work with a 31-year-old white woman who has six children. She is a crack addict and a prostitute. She had already lost custody of her first five kids and is in the courts concerning the sixth."

> "There are too many inconsistencies in the system...I couldn't do it any more."

The glazed look of pain and recollection returned to Keyser's face as she described the woman's case. "When she had her last child, the CPS took it right out of the hospital. The woman never even got to see the baby," said Keyser in disbelief "They had nothing but the woman's past experience to go on, and that is not a legal reason for withdrawing the child from its mother's care.

"If that woman had any money for a lawyer, she could sue the Department of Welfare and probably win," said Keyser.

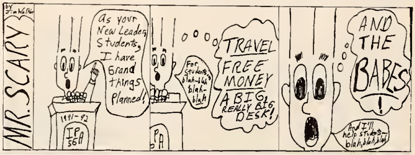
"There are too many inconsistencies in the system. In some cases the abused child is taken out of the home while his or her siblings are left behind; and in others, like my case, all the children are taken.

The Child Welfare Department did not respond to phone inquiries about Keyser's statements, and the director of Parents and Partners refused to discuss either its practices or the welfare system in general

"I couldn't do it anymore," Keyser said of having to turn her back on such practices. "The frustration and stress were becoming too much, and I had to get out," she said.

Again Keyser's admiration of the human service field resurfaced, and she confessed she would probably return to it. "I will always work in the human service field," she said "I don't know anything else. I probably won't return to the welfare system, even though I'm struggling with the feeling that I've abandoned my clients," Keyser said as she lowered her head "But for now I need to take a break and get my head together."

She has another job now. She is bartending at a southwest-side bar and grill. "It's funny," she said. "It's a lot the same as what I was doing, only I don't have to take their problems home with me"



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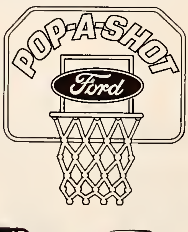

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GLVC tennis

Mead brings home championship

By MARK OONALDSON
Sports Editor

The IPFW men's tennis team brought home its first conference tennis title when senior Mike Mead won at No. 3 singles on Saturday.

The team took fifth place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament held at the University of Southern Indiana Friday and Saturday. The Mastodons totaled seven points. The University of Indianapolis finished in first place with 21 points followed by Bellarmine College with 16, Northern Kentucky University with 15, and USI with 6.

IPFW finished in front of St. Joseph's College, Lewis University and Kentucky State University. Both St. Joe and Lewis had beaten the Mastodons during the regular season.

Head coach Dan Brogan was pleased with his team's showing.

"As a team, we were pretty happy," he said. "We had a couple of good draws and pulled off a couple of upsets."

IPFW got first-round wins from senior Don Offerle and freshman Rod Valentine.

Offerle, playing at the No. 5 singles spot, beat Kentucky State's James Hampton 6-2, 6-3, before falling in the semi-finals to eventual champion John Kollmeyer of Bellarmine, 6-0, 6-2.

Valentine won his first match at the No. 6 singles spot besting Dave Stahl, from NKU, 7-6 (7-4), 6-0. He dropped his semi-final match 6-3, 6-2 to Robert Downs. Downs, a senior, also plays for Bellarmine.

Mead's climb to the title wasn't an easy one.

After beating Kentucky State's Billy Joe Craig 6-3, 6-0 he was pushed to three sets in the semi-final by senior Doug Gilkey, of NKU, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4. Gilkey had beaten Mead earlier in the season.

"Mike played the best match of his life against the kid from NKU," said Brogan. "That other kid (Gilkey) came out blazing in the first set. I told Mike not to panic, that he (Gilkey) would have a let-down and he did."

Mead faced Bellarmine's Theodore Nime in Saturday's championship match. After dropping the first set 6-1, Mead won the next two 6-3, 7-5.

Brogan talked about that match.

"Mike's final match was very much like his previous one," he said. "Nime and his coach watched the semi-final and devised a game-plan which very nearly worked.

"They relied on a drop-shot that brought Mike to the net where he is not as comfortable. He responded just barely in time. It took him a set and a half to recognize the short ball."

Mead's efforts did not go unrewarded. He was placed on the all-conference team and shared GLVC player-of-the-year honors with Tay Robinson who won the No. 1 singles championship for NKU.

Joining Mead and Robinson on the all-conference team were Perry Mann and Mark Curts from U of I, Bellarmine's Kollmeyer, and Scott Lutz from NKU.

Tim McNiece, number 20, receives congratulations for his first inning home run in an April 18 game with St. Francis. IPFW won the game 4-1. The Mastodon baseball team finished the season with a record of 5-29, 1-15 in the GLVC (photo by Tim Wehnert).

Lady 'Dons complete best season ever

By MARK OONALDSON
Sports Editor

The IPFW women's softball team wrapped up its most successful season ever on a down note, dropping a double-header to Hillsdale College on April 16. The Chargers beat the Lady 'Dons 5-1 and 7-0.

IPFW finished with a record of 16-20, 5-9 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. In the GLVC double-header format, the Lady 'Dons swept Kentucky State University and split with St. Joseph's College, University of Indianapolis, and University of Southern Indiana. They were winless against Northern Kentucky University, Bellarmine College, and Kentucky Wesleyan. Two attempts to play the remaining conference foe, Lewis University, were rained out.

From this team with no seniors, Coach Dan Van Houten will lose only freshmen Lori Berrier and Tiffany Spangler, both of whom are moving.

Jennifer Martin, a sophomore catcher from Crown Point, led the GLVC in hitting with a .500 average. She hit .426 for the season and has been nominated for all-conference honors.

Freshman pitcher Christy Hornback proved hard to hit with an 1.87 ERA in conference play. She, too, has been nominated for all-conference honors. Hornback batted .389 (.440 in the GLVC).

Other Lady 'Dons who are up for all-conference recognition are Berrier, who hit .316 (.382 in the GLVC) and had a team-high 21 RBI including the only home run; Spangler, .321 (.366); freshman Rhonda Colone, .276 (.439); freshman Michelle Volz, .361 (.326); freshman Michelle Conley, .455 (.391); and junior Tina Menier who hit a .495 overall but played in only four GLVC games due to a shoulder injury. She hit a .615 in those conference games. IPFW led the GLVC in team batting average, a combined .384.

New coach named, 3 players signed

By MARK DONALOSON
Sports Editor

A new cross country coach has been hired and both the men's and women's basketball teams have signed players.

IPFW Athletic Director Arnie Ball announced the appointment of David Neely as the new head coach for both the men's and women's cross country teams. He replaces Jerry Diehl who resigned following the 1990 season to enter graduate school.

Neely, 27, is currently the head cross country coach at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, a position he has held for two years.

Neely lettered in cross country at IPFW from 1987 to 1988. Last year he guided Dwenger to its first appearance at the state championship in the past 13 years.

Two Indiana high school basketball players have signed national letters of intent to attend IPFW in 1991-92. Both players are guards who intend to major in elementary education.

Jamie LaRue, a third-team All-State selection, established 11 school records during her three seasons at Fremont High School. She averaged 21.5 points per game in her senior year. She also holds the record for most career points at Fremont (1,096), free throw percentage (75.6), steal average (five per game), and assists (5.2 per game). At five feet, seven inches she grabbed 6.6 rebounds a game.

LaRue was named all-conference three times, all-region twice, and team most-valuable-player her junior and senior year. The Eagles, who finished 15-7 this past season, were 42-16 during her career.

Jaima Lawrence, from Highland High School in Anderson, will also join the 10 returning Lady 'Dons next season.

Lawrence averaged 14 points and four assists per game for Highland last season. She was a first-team all-sectional selection as well as a first-team all-county choice for the 1990-91 season. She was also named to the 1991 Eastern Indiana All-Star Team while being listed as one of the top 100 in Hoosier Basketball Magazine.

Lawrence and LaRue continue the tradition of academic excellence for the Lady 'Dons with GPAs of 3.2 in high school.

Men's basketball coach Andy Piazza also announced the addition of a player for next season.

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